Gender Equality

Stakeholder Engagement

Approach

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Gender Equality
GEF ‘s Approach to Stakeholder Engagement
GEF’s operational policies “shall provide for full disclosure of all non-confidential information, and consultation with, and participation as appropriate of, major groups and local communities, throughout the project cycle.”

(Paragraph 5 of GEF Instrument)
provide for **full disclosure** of all non-confidential information, and **consultation with, and participation as appropriate**

1996 Policy: effective public involvement “is critical to the success of GEF-financed projects”, and improves project performance and impact.

Guidelines: Practical Steps to implement the principles of the 1996 Policy

Minimum Requirements for Agencies to engage stakeholders and clear responsibilities for GEF Secretariat

GEF’s Evolving approach to Stakeholder Engagement
1994 GEF Instrument (Full disclosure, consultation and participation)

1996 Policy on Public Involvement (Public Involvement is crucial to success of GEF Projects)

August 2014 – CSO Network review/October - GEF Sec formulates Guidelines

October 2015 - June 2017 Working Group Review of Policy-Draft Policy and Consultations

September-October 2017 Internal and External Consultations – Website (public)

November 2017 Council Approval of Updated Policy on Stakeholder Engagement

Process for an Updated Policy on Stakeholder Engagement
Updated Policy on Stakeholder Engagement

Objective

Promote the inclusive and meaningful participation of Stakeholders in GEF’s governance and operations in support of the GEF’s mandate to protect the global environment.
Core Principles

- Constructive, responsive, accountable and transparent
- Fair, balanced, and inclusive participation
- It applies to all GEF-financed activities
- Sustained commitment and action, including allocation of resources
- Supported by appropriate documentation and easy and timely access to information
Overview of Policy Requirements

Project and Program Cycle Requirements

PIF & PFD

✓ Description of any consultations conducted during project development*

✓ Information on how Stakeholders will be engaged and means of engagement throughout the project cycle

* (preparation of the PIF)

CEO Endorsement

✓ Provide Stakeholder Engagement Plans (SEP) * or equivalent documentation

* SEP
  - Stakeholders who have been and will be engaged,
  - means of engagement
  - dissemination of information
  - roles and responsibilities
  - resource requirements
  - timing of engagement

Reporting

✓ Include information in PIRs, MTRs, TEs on progress, challenges and outcomes of the implementation of stakeholder engagement
Review & Monitoring

• Report annually to the Council on stakeholder engagement across GEF-financed activities
• Assess whether adequate measures have been proposed to ensure effective stakeholder engagement
• Update and maintain project and program templates

Secretariat-led Activities

• Engage with stakeholders in a transparent and inclusive manner aimed at fair representation
• Provide for appropriate stakeholder engagement in the development of GEF policies, guidelines and strategy
Guidelines provide guidance and information on how to implement the Policy, including best practices and useful tools that can be used to conduct meaningful stakeholder engagement throughout the GEF program and project cycles.
Approach to Stakeholder Engagement

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Moving from a “do no harm” to a “do good” gender responsive approach
Responds to the increased attention to gender equality and women’s empowerment by the multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) that the GEF serves.

Recognizes that efforts to combat environmental degradation and those to address gender inequality can be mutually supportive.

Aims to catalyze projects that have the potential to materialize greater environmental impact through gender-responsive approaches and results.

Seeks to ensure equal opportunities for women and men to participate in, contribute to and benefit from GEF-Financed Activities.

Outlines clear GEF project and program cycle requirements.
Address gender gaps... through strategic entry points... to generate greater

- Access to and control of natural resources
  - Support women’s improved access, use, and control of natural resources
  - Enhance women’s participation and role in natural resources decision-making processes, with women as agents of change
  - Target women as specific beneficiaries, and invest in women’s skills and capacity

- Environmental decision-making and leadership

- Access to socioeconomic benefits and services

Global Environment Benefits
Gender-responsive project identification and development

Project Identification and Development

- PIF/PFD Submission
  - Collect information on gender issues relevant to the project context
  - Carry out gender-responsive stakeholder consultations

- CEO Endorsement Submission
  - Carry out a gender analysis
  - Identify gender-responsive actions
  - Define gender-sensitive indicators
  - Gender tagging: indicating expected gender result areas

- Project Implementation Reports
  - Report on progress on gender-responsive measures
  - Learning and adaptation

- Mid-term Reviews
  - Report on progress on gender-responsive measures, indicators, and intermediate results
  - Learning and adaptation

- Terminal Evaluations
  - Evaluate and report on completed activities and results
  - Capture and share lessons learned and best practices

Project Implementation and Monitoring
Do you want to find out why promoting gender equality and women’s empowerment can help deliver better environmental outcome, and to figure out how you can do it?

The course will give you facts and figures and the knowledge and tools to mainstream gender, and to be an effective change-maker for sustainable development.

It is a “one-stop-shop” for information on gender dimensions linked to biodiversity, climate change, land degradation, international waters, and chemicals and waste.


https://www.uncclearn.org/course-gender-and-environment
Approach to Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment

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